KidsFirst: Quality Counts for Kids

September 13, 2004

Task Force Decisions Made:

1. Consensus was reached that the Quality Rating System will be inclusive of all regulated child care programs.

- 2. The Quality Rating and Tiered Reimbursement System Principles were revised and agreed to by Task Force Members.
- The Task Force Members will develop a recommendation to the Governor for the structure and framework of the Wisconsin quality rating/tiered reimbursement system. Task Force Staff will develop implementation details that reflect the framework envisioned by Task Force Members.
- 4. Public Hearing Dates were identified:

Friday, October 15, 2004 – LaCrosse

WECA Conference -LaCrosse Center, South Exhibition Hall 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20, 2004 – Milwaukee Area Technical College 700 W. State Street, Milwaukee, Room S120, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 26, 2004 – Wausau – North Central Technical College 1000 W. Campus Drive, Wausau, Room D101, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

5. The selection of Quality Rating System Option 5 (Revised "Hybrid Model") was reaffirmed. This model includes the following components:

Building Blocks for levels one and two.

Points awarded for the following categories: Teacher Qualifications (non-cumulative), Director Qualifications (cumulative), Learning Environment/Curriculum (cumulative), and Business Practices (cumulative).

- 6. Building block tiers one and two must be met before a program can receive additional points to receive a higher quality rating.
- Comments and materials received from outside agencies/organizations specific to the development of a Quality Rating System will be included with other comments received during the Public Hearing Process.
- 8. Task Force Members agreed that it is important to review meeting materials provided by staff prior to meeting dates, which will help to focus discussion.